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11. Suspension of Certain Legal Requirements During Active Duty:

Provides the Governor with the authority to issue Executive Orders temporarily suspending or modifying specific provisions of any statute, local law, ordinance, or order, rule or regulation, or part thereof, relating to the obligations of military personnel called to active duty related to the war on terrorism.

No
This is a two edged sword, on the one hand it may be a very good provision for those situations not already specifically covered by state or federal statute. Specifically, this might relate to a situation where the Governor makes it a requirement that a mortgage lender accept a partial payment of at least 50% on a mortgage loan. This would be authorized when a family of a deployed service member can only make a partial payment and still have sufficient funds to maintain the family. It would also have to have strings attached to protect the lender by providing that the difference is added to the balance of the mortgage loan, or in essence the period or length of the amortization of the loan is rewritten to what the family can afford.

On the other hand, it may be very dangerous since it could potentially infringe on constitutionally protected rights, both property rights and liberty rights of many individuals. So we ought to look deeply at this one and possibly provide some internal checks and balances before its implementation.

12. Free High-Speed Internet: Anticipates requiring that high-speed internet access be provided at such locations as State University campuses, local Technical colleges, and other public locations, for family members of activated service members for the purposes of email communication with their deployed loved ones. This is another outstanding idea. Most local libraries have such access, however, not everyone has access to a nearby library, but most do to some other public building, such as a courthouse or some state office building that has internet access.

13. Employer Recognition: Creates a "WI-USA PROUD" employer of distinction award to recognize companies that show exceptional support for military reservists and Guard members. This is another outstanding idea that could dovetail into the ESGR Employer Recognition Awards Program and the NGAUS Employers Recognition Awards Program.

* Yes

14. **Badger Discount Program:** Establishes a voluntary state-sponsored program for merchants who agree to provide reduced price discounts for merchandise and services for all military personnel. Participating merchants are eligible for the proposed "WI-USA Proud" recognition award. This is another great idea, but to make it successful it may take the backing of the State Chamber of Commerce Organization. We may want to get their input on this one before we start. Today the profit margins a lot of businesses are really slim and this may not be a viable program except for the national chains, and that is not necessarily the target audience.

Yes

15. **Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses:** Provide free hunting and fishing licenses to members of the Guard and Reserve. This is a good idea, but it causes a substantial hit on federal funds to WDNR. The better idea may be to provide for a minimum license for Guard and Reserve members that meets the federal minimum and that way WDNR still gets the federal matching funds. Since there are over 9500 members in the Guard and over 8000 in the reserves in WI and many of them hunt and fish, this reduced fee idea could be a boon for them and could save the state a lot of federal dollars it would otherwise miss out on.

No

16. **Free "Badger Passport" to State parks:** Provide free admission for Reserve and Guard Members and their families to state parks and beaches. This is another good idea, so long as it does not affect any federal matching funds made available to WDNR because of the amount of program income it generates. We do not need to make a proposal that will create the need for more GPR funding by its very nature. If however, by collecting a minimum admission fee WDNR is still able to capture any federal match then I'd recommend we go with a minimum fee.

No

17. **Use of Retiree as Temporary Substitutes:** This provision would provide that state and local governmental bodies could hire back retired state employees to replace activated service members. There would be a provision that such retired employees would not face any loss of pension benefits as a result of such employment. I believe there may be at least the provision for this through WI Employee Trust Funds regulations. However, I believe the bigger hurdle, may be in the ability to quickly employ such workers. We'd need to incorporate a provision to waive some of the state civil service protections for employment, or incorporate such waiver into an Executive Order if the same is provided for as noted in # 11 above.

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Mentkowski, Annie

From: Musser, Terry
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 9:56 AM
To: Mentkowski, Annie
Subject: RE: Draft review: LRB 03-2518/P1 Topic: Veteran department to provide certificates to supporting businesses and to support business discounts for vets and persons called into active duty

Please jacket LRB-2518/1 for introduction in the Assembly.

Thanks,
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WI State Representative
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From: Mentkowski, Annie
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